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1. The airfield, about 8 to 10 km northeast of the town center of Magnitogorsk (59° 5' E/53° 25' N), Chelyabinsk Oblast, was occupied by four-engine Ilyushin aircraft.
2. There was heavy flying, apparently only with transports. Four-engine planes towing cargo gliders with wide and tapering wings were often seen proceeding to the southwest. Four-engine planes towing gliders frequently returned from the west.

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Comment:

Only commercial planes and individual U-2s have so far been seen at the field which, according to other reports, was under construction. Further reports are required for a clarification of the status of the field.

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